

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Stocksbridge Town Hall, on Tuesday 6th January 2026

PRESENT: Cllr. R Crowther (Chair), Cllrs. K Davis, J Grocutt, J Staniforth, L Fox

1. Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Law, J Wheeler, C Wilson.
2. Exclusion of Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of press and public.
3. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
4. Grant Applications
 - a) Stocksbridge Community Care Group
Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Community Care Group requesting funding assistance towards room hire and insurance costs for their Friday Drop-In Group and Friendly Visitor Service. The Clerk undertook to request financial information from the group and to defer to the next Finance Committee.
 - b) Parents of Deepcar Students
Members considered a grant application from Parents of Deepcar Students requesting funding assistance towards residential and trips for school pupils who are unable to fund themselves. It was noted that these trips are deemed educational covering the curriculum and do not fit the criteria of the Town Council's Grants policy. The Clerk undertook to report back to the group the type of things that could be applied for.
5. Stocksbridge & District History Society
Members considered a request for funding from Stocksbridge & District History Society for clean up of the Town Hall cellar and digitization and equipment of documents. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with D Pindar and members of the ARC Management Committee to view the cellar and items which needed to be digitized, reporting back to the Finance Committee.
6. Steel Valley Project
Members discussed the request from Steel Valley Project for funding for the Strategic Partnership Agreement for 2026/2027.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council approve funding of £8,000 to Steel Valley Project for Strategic Partnership funding for 2026/27.
7. Budget/Precept 2026/27
The Clerk tabled an amended copy of the budget/precept for 2026/27 for consideration by members, following receipt of the final Council Tax base figure from Sheffield City Council. Members discussed the budget and precept proposals.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council:-
 - a) Set the Budget for 2026/2027 at £177,859
 - b) Set the Precept for 2026/2027 at £140,508
 - c) Any underspend in the following budget heads in 2025/2026 be carried forward to the budget for 2026/2027:- Grants, Community Events
 - d) The funding awarded to 4SLC of £30,000 revenue towards the operation of the swimming pools be paid quarterly in advance.

8. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

Stocksbridge Town Council		£	<u>Made under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	10.30	LGA72(S14P9)
Look Local	Advertisement – Xmas Party	123.60	LGA72(S111)
ARC Management			
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring-ARC	20.60	LGA72(S111)
ITI Electrical Services	PAT Testing	180.00	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services	Cleaning Charges	810.48	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Ashton Alarms	CCTV Maintenance Contract	252.00	LGA72(S111)
Viking	Microwave	89.99	LGA72(S111)

9. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

10. Clerk's Reports

There were no Clerk's reports.

11. Members' Reports

There were no members' reports.

There being no further business the meeting closed.